

Dear Veterans, Military Families and Supporters,

Please find a number of resources below to benefit veterans and military families. They are not endorsed by my office, just a compilation of programs and services that come across my desk. Please feel free to share and vet according to your needs. If you have anything you would like me to share, please forward it. Thank you.

Lisa Terry

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#### FREE Veterans Community Event

Saturday, October 15th from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Harmony Hall Regional Center in Fort Washington, Maryland

For more info, call 301-858-3092 or [muse@senatormuse.com](mailto:muse@senatormuse.com)

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#### Health Care Recruitment Event 2016

October 19, 2016 from 10am - 1pm

7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D

Please click [here](#) for more information. Registration is free and available online

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#### New meeting times scheduled for Central Maryland Transit Development Plan

ELLCOTT CITY, MD – In response to community feedback, Howard County Office of Transportation has revised the times for a series of public meetings set to take place this month regarding the Transit Development Plan (TDP) for Central Maryland.

Developed along with Anne Arundel County, Prince George's County and the City of Laurel, the TDP will serve as a guide for transit services in the Central Maryland region and will provide a roadmap for implementing service and organizational improvements, including potential service expansion, during the next five years.

The TDP planning process identifies public and specialized transportation needs of the service area, analyzes the performance of existing transit services, explores alternatives for improving services and recommends an implementation plan.

The first round of meetings will take place this October, with three in Howard County, one in Anne Arundel County and one in the City of Laurel/Northern Prince George's County. The purpose of this first round of meetings is to identify transit needs and issues.

The meetings will be held on:

City of Laurel/Northern Prince George's County:

- Thursday, Oct. 13, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Laurel Municipal Center, 8103 Sandy Spring Road, Council Chambers in Laurel

Howard County:

- Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., George Howard Bldg, 3430 Court House Drive, Columbia/Ellicott City Room in Ellicott City
- Thursday, Oct. 20, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Chesapeake Rooms I & II in Laurel

- Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Gateway Bldg, 6751 Gateway Drive, Charles I. Ecker Business Training Center, 1st Floor, Room 6 in Columbia

Anne Arundel County:

- Wednesday Oct. 26, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Harmans Community Room in Hanover

Those unable to attend the meetings who have questions or would like to provide comments should contact the project managers with KFH Group, Fred Fravel at 301-951-8550 or email [ffravel@kfgroup.com](mailto:ffravel@kfgroup.com), or Jill Stober at 301-951-8660 or email [jstober@kfgroup.com](mailto:jstober@kfgroup.com).

The public will also have the opportunity to complete a survey to provide input on the top transit needs and suggested service improvements. The survey will be available online at [www.kfhgroup.com/centralmd/transitplan.html](http://www.kfhgroup.com/centralmd/transitplan.html) through October and November, and beginning in November, will be distributed to riders aboard Regional Transportation Agency buses.

A second round of public meetings is planned for February 2017 to review service alternatives. The draft and final plans are expected to be developed from March to July 2017. Once completed, the TDP will serve as a guide for the local transit system, providing a roadmap for implementing service and/or organizational changes, improvements and/or potential expansion during the five-year period.

An interpreter for people who are deaf or hard of hearing will be available if requested seven working days prior to the meeting. Please call the Department of Community Resources and Services at 410-313-6400 (voice) or use Relay at 7-1-1, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information and updates, visit the TDP website at [www.kfhgroup.com/centralmd/transitplan.html](http://www.kfhgroup.com/centralmd/transitplan.html)

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Howard County Economic Development Authority Annual meeting  
featuring Keynote Speaker (Ret) General Alexander to learn more about cybersecurity  
Oct 26, 4:30pm at Sheraton in Columbia  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hcedas-annual-meeting-featuring-general-ret-keith-alexander-tickets-28345113999?aff=Email>

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#### VETERAN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS 20K MONTH

In general, we are looking for 10+ years of EXPERIENCE in marine electronics that is directly relevant to ships. A specific knowledge of radar M&R is preferred, as well as a broad-based knowledge of the installation, troubleshooting, maintenance and repair of communications, navigation and control systems.

BEFORE any applicant can be immediately placed on a ship, they MUST have the following:

1) FCC GMDSS Operator/Maintainer License, with radar endorsement.

In addition to this license, an applicant must also have a certificate from a USCG-approved, 70-hour GMDSS Operator course.

2) Possess a U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariners Credential (MMC) and a U.S. passport.

For those candidates that are in possession of the above credentials in GMDSS, electronics and seamanship, certifiable knowledge in the following areas also will be highly regarded:  
Strong I.T. skills, which include a proficiency in MS applications and hands-on technical knowledge of LAN management, cabling and database management.

2) Microsoft, Comptia, NMEA, and/or ET-A certifications.

3) Knowledge of government and/or U.S. Navy high-side communications procedures and equipment.

4) Possession of an ETO endorsement in your MMC.

5) Verifiable work experience with automation, instrumentation, sensor systems, motors, motor controllers, high voltage systems, hydraulics, pneumatics, mechatronix and/or engine room operations.

NOTE: The position of Radio/Electronics Officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine is a SENIOR technical position and all candidates MUST be capable of working independently.

Will be deploying on U.S. merchant ships for extended periods (ie. months)

MILITARY Technicians:

ET? IC? IT? OS? This is an excellent job opportunity for ex-military technicians, especially USN/USCG retirees.

NON-MILITARY Technicians:

Although there is no "one" background for a Radio/Electronics Officer in today's Merchant Marine, some form of marine experience is highly desirable, be it off-shore, shore-support, or even just a broad-based knowledge of marine electronics equipment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Although the historical role of the Radio/Electronics Officer in the Merchant was grounded in Morse code and basic electronics repair, in a highly technical and evolving environment, the American Radio Association is working to build the Radio/Electronics Officer of the Twenty-First Century. Anyone wishing to become a part of this diverse, exciting and lucrative profession must possess the aforementioned skills, licenses and qualifications.

please send resume to [lucy@military-civilian.com](mailto:lucy@military-civilian.com) with job title and location in the subject line

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Free Veteran Counseling in Howard County

Thursday, Oct 27, 9:30am-4:30pm

Multiservice Center in Laurel, MD

Register for an appt, walk-ins welcome

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Food and Fun for Military and Veteran Families

Sunday, Oct 30th, 2:30-5:30pm

Leadership U is hosting a community event for families at the Multiservice Center to celebrate military and veteran families and connect them to the community

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Howard County 50+ Expo  
Monday, Oct 31st  
Wilde Lake HS  
See flier

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Travis Manion Foundation National Service Week project

Mon, Nov 5, 1-4pm

Please join the TMF at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. We'll be playing bingo and getting to know the residents. Active duty, civilians, veterans, kids -- all are welcome to volunteer. Here is the link to register for the service project:

<https://donate.travismanion.org/washington/events/washington-dc-tmf-national-service-week-project/e98253>

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Veterans Day Meet & Greet

Thursday, November 10 • 10 a.m. to noon

North Laurel 50+ Center

Enjoy a cup of coffee and meet local service members as we honor our hometown heroes and view a military memorabilia presentation.

FREE

To reserve a seat, call 410-313-0380.

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Department of Defense Invites You to Participate in the

HIRING HEROES CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Career opportunities for wounded, ill, injured and transitioning service members, Veterans, military spouses and primary caregivers)

Spates Community Center

Building 407, 214 McNair Road

Fort Myer, Virginia 22211

Come talk with DoD, other Federal agencies and Private Sector recruiters about opportunities in civilian career fields

Even if you're not getting out of the military for another 6 months or longer – come and talk with recruiters – start networking now!

For additional information contact, Ms. Sylvia Parker  
at 571-372-2124 or [Sylvia.O.Parker.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Sylvia.O.Parker.civ@mail.mil)

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Free Diabetes Kits for Veterans

"Our nation's heroes often return from combat and face significant health challenges. One of those is diabetes. In fact, veterans are two and a half times as likely to have diabetes as the average American. The American Diabetes Association is committed to support our troops in

every way they can. From partnering with fellow non-profits focused on veteran health; including the Baltimore Station and McVets, to lending our support and resources to Veterans who receive medical care through the VA Hospital in Maryland, the ADA is there for our troops. The ADA has partnered with Care First to provide kits for veterans with diabetes and veterans with prediabetes to help manage their lifestyle.

For more information, please email Rachel Guzman at [rguzman@diabetes.org](mailto:rguzman@diabetes.org)."

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NAMI Homefront - is a free, six-session education program for family, friends and significant others of Military Service Members and Veterans with mental health conditions. It focuses on the unique needs of military and veteran communities, such as post-deployment and post-discharge transitions. See flier for more info

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Veterans Stories Through the Eyes of Those Who Were There with Filmmaker Yehuda Goldman

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The Bob Parsons Veterans Advocacy Clinic at University of Baltimore - represents veterans before courts and administrative agencies in diverse civil and veterans benefits matters. Students may also engage in community education, legislative projects and other systemic efforts at law reform.

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Certificate in Lieu of DD214

If you are separating from the military and cannot wait for your DD214 to apply for a federal job, you can apply for a certificate in lieu of 2214.

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Baltimore City Veteran Club Job Fairs  
Maryland Dept of Labor Job Fairs

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AMVETS, Lanham, MD

AMVETS Career Center Coach

The Career Center Coach assists the Career Center Manager in the effective and timely placement of veterans, in full-time positions. This is accomplished through the administration and coordination of assigned projects and functions in support of the AMVETS Career Centers, funded by the Call of Duty Endowment and AMVETS Corporate partnerships.

[amvets-career-center-coach-hq](#)

AMVETS Development Officer

This position is responsible for all fundraising and development activities within the AMVETS (American Veterans) Organization. The AMVETS Development Officer will help forge new relationships to build AMVETS' visibility, impact, and financial resources. This will be accomplished by designing and implementing a comprehensive fundraising plan to include individual, business, and corporate support, as well as a major gifts program. Expectations are to expand and diversify the donor base and pipeline, and work closely with the Executive Directors and Board Members.

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AMVETS Administrative Assistant

Provides direct administrative support to the National Service Director, Deputy National Service Director, and the Regional Service Directors.

[admin-assistant-service-changes-made-11-5-2015](#)

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Montgomery County Community-Based VA Outpatient Clinic to Open Dec 2017

On September 19, officials from Montgomery County and the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center hosted a Golden Hammer Ceremony to signify the official landmark of the Montgomery County Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, 15810 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The newly renovated clinic will offer 11,600-square feet with room for a primary care clinic and a mental health clinic as well as space for telehealth, patient education, hearing aid fittings and specialty care. It will be the first VA community clinic in Montgomery County. Expanding health care access to Veterans in Maryland is a high priority for the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center which already operates five other community clinics in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. The clinic, expected to open in December 2017, will be a welcomed addition for Veterans in the community. The Montgomery County CBOC will have ample parking and is convenient to Shady Grove Metro Station and the Ride On (Bus #43). To apply go to <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/>

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Retired Navy Newsletter Nov 2016 – Learn about Tricare options, VA Disability expansion and more. All services can benefit from some of the news provided

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House Bill 898 was passed in the General Assembly which is Property Tax Credit - Elderly Individuals and Veterans

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2016RS/bills/hb/hb0898t.pdf>

This bill gave local jurisdictions the authority to enact this. For a Veteran to qualify, he or she must be at least 65 years old and is a retired member of the Armed Forces of the US.

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Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs weekly newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE: Howard County Veterans and Military Families Resource Fair  
Tues, April 4, 2017 from 5-8pm at Miller Branch Library in Ellicott City, MD

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<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/veterans>

The Department of Community Resources and Services provides vital human services through its offices of ADA Coordination, Aging and Independence, Children and Families, Community Partnerships, Consumer Protection, Local Children's Board, and Veterans and Military Families.

Howard County Commission on Veterans and Military Families <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-of-Veterans-and-Military-Families>

Department of Community Resources and Services Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/HoCoCommunity/>

Commission on Veterans and Military Families Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/HocoMilitary/>

#### Reserved Veteran Parking Initiative

Honor veterans living and working in Howard County by installing a Reserved Veteran Parking sign at your place of business or in honor of a loved one.

[http://www.howardchamber.com/chamber\\_information/veteran\\_parking\\_sign\\_initiative.aspx](http://www.howardchamber.com/chamber_information/veteran_parking_sign_initiative.aspx)